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Attorney Docket No.

TRUSP0105USA

First Inventor

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Title

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 18]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]

a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

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i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii. ☐ paper

c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☒ Other: Express Mail Certificate

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation

☐ Divisional

☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

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Attorney Docket No.	TRUSP0105USA

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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	370
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$370.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
32	-20** = 12	9	108
4	-3** = 1	42	42
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200		Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217 460		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218 720		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160		Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220 160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221 140		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241 640		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242 640		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243 230		Design issue fee	
144 620	244 310		Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740	246 370		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740	249 370		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740	279 370		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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